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Sir:

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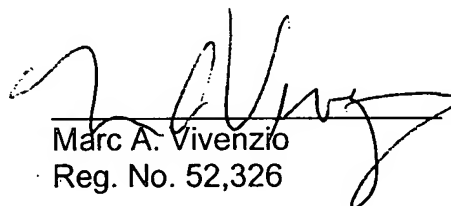
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version of the Search Report citing said references and indicating the degree of relevance of said references is attached hereto in accordance with section 609(A)(3) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), second full paragraph, in fulfillment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(3)(i) concise explanation of relevance requirement.

While this statement contains all of the relevant information presently known to the Applicants, it should not be interpreted as a representation that an exhaustive search has been conducted or that no other relevant information exists. Moreover, the Applicants invite the Examiner to make an independent evaluation of the cited references to determine their relevance to the subject matter of the present application.

Finally, the Applicants urge that their claims are patentably distinguishable over all disclosed relevant information or any combination thereof.

Respectfully Submitted,
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